

Dear Members of the Human Services Committee of Connecticut General Assembly:

My name is Adolfo Donastorg, I am a student from Windsor. I currently attend the Connecticut River Academy.

**I stand in support of S.B. No. 284: “AN ACT PROVIDING MEDICAL ASSISTANCE TO CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS REGARDLESS OF IMMIGRATION STATUS,” with clear language that extends eligibility to all HUSKY programs to all CT residents, regardless of immigration status.**

I live in a Latino Household and when I was was 11, I moved from Southeast Connecticut to Windsor. But growing up there, my friends never seemed to have the healthcare benefits I had. We lived in a housing complex where even though it looked nice, the people living there weren't in the best condition financially. It wasn't until recently, I learned that most jobs might not offer health care benefits. It also was heartbreaking to know that if people didn't have the documentation, their kids were not protected by health insurance.

It disheartens me that kids 9 and under were only benefited from the legislation passed last year. Personally, I have access to Husky Healthcare. But for a kid who doesn't have it, the fear can be debilitating. Are you willing to sacrifice possible lives and young futures? Is that what our state represents and stands for? It is embarrassing that in a wealthy country such as this, CHILDREN have to battle for access to basic health coverage.

I support S.B. No 284, with clear language to extend current HUSKY eligibility rules to all CT residents, regardless of immigration status, and I ask the committee to support this legislation.

Thank you for your time,  
*Adolfo Donastorg*